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PARENTING TIME Practice (Holidays)	OTTAWA COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT <b>Practices/Procedures</b>	No. 3.001b  April 2013 Revised: November 2013 Revised: February 2014 Revised: January 2017
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The Friend of the Court Policy regarding Holiday parenting time is as follows:

**The Following each parenting time section, in parentheses, is an identified number of overnights used in the calculation of child support under the 2013 Michigan Child Support Formula. This number does not change the meaning of the written text in each section of the policy. ( for example, IV. Easter Weekend extends from Friday until Sunday which allows for overnight parenting time on Friday and Saturday. For child support calculation purposes, however, this weekend is counted as “(0 overnights)” because this weekend is credited elsewhere in the policy.**

**Holiday Parenting Time Schedule (average 12 overnights each parent)**

Holiday parenting time takes precedence over the regular parenting time schedule ( Regular parenting time shall occur up until holiday parenting time begins and then at the conclusion of holiday parenting time, regular parenting time shall resume). The following holidays should be exercised with the times given below:

Mother in Odd Numbered Years/Father in Even Numbered Years

- Easter Weekend Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Sunday at 6:00 p.m. **(0 overnights)**
- Independence Day July 03 at 6:00 p.m. until July 05 at 9:00 a.m. **(2 overnights)**
- Thanksgiving Day Weekend Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. **(2 overnights)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Split Christmas Break **(5 overnights)**
- Spring Break (Parenting time shall commence at 6:00 p.m. the day school recesses and end at 6:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.) **(7 overnights)**

#### Mother in Even Numbered Years/Father in Odd Numbered Years

- Memorial Day Weekend Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Monday at 6:00 p.m. **(1 overnight)**
- Labor Day Weekend Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Monday at 6:00 p.m. **(1 overnight)**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Split Christmas Break (1<sup>st</sup> split begins the day school recesses at 6:00 p.m. until Christmas Eve at 9:00 p.m.) **(5 overnights)**
- Children's Birthdays 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. non-school day and 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on school day **(Unless it conflicts with any other parenting time spelled out in this policy. In that case, the parenting time defined within this policy shall take precedence).**

#### Every Year

- Mother's Day Weekend to the mother from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. **(0 overnights)**
- Father's Day Weekend to the father from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. **(0 overnights)**

#### Christmas Break **(approximately 14 overnights total)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> split begins the day school recesses at 6:00 p.m. until Christmas Eve at 9:00 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> split begins Christmas Eve at 9:00 p.m. and concludes at 6:00 p.m. the day before school resumes
- The Christmas break splits are intended to grant the parties each one week with the children. If the above schedule is not an even split due to the way in which the holiday and school recess fall, the Christmas Break shall be evenly split providing each parent with one week with the children. The holiday parenting time (Christmas Eve and Christmas) shall remain unchanged. Please refer to the Friend of the Court website for the breakdown of the Christmas break schedule.